State	Number of Sick units
Daman & Diu	10
Goa	161
D & N Haveli	46
Madhya Pradesh***	6072
Andhra Pradesh	12461
Karnataka	5416
Tamil Nadu	11602
Kerala	9017
Pondicherry	1052
TOTAL:	304235

* Includes Jharkhand
** Includes Uttaranchal
***Includes Chattisgarh

Job Opportunities for Industrial Labour

*449. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the causes of the present slump in job market for industrial labour in the country;

(b) the details of the measures taken by Government, recently, in regard to improvements in job opportunities for industrial labour;

(c) whether Government have taken note of the recommendations of the Montek Singh Committee in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures taken by Government to implement the recommendations and ease slump in job market and eliminate present sufferings of the industrial labour?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (e) The main reasons for not achieving the desired growth rate of employment for industrial labour in the country are as follows:

1. Present rate of economic growth not being in tune with the requirements for employment generation.
2. Employment opportunities in the old industries are getting reduced due to closer of older type of enterprises.

3. Old technologies are getting replaced by new technologies, the demand for unskilled and semi-skilled workers are less. Skilled labour are more in demand in these new industries.

4. In the present scenario, the employment rate has come down since the average skill level of the workers is not in tune with demand of the labour market.

In order to cope up with the situation indicated above, Government is revising the courses run by Industrial Training Institutes. At the same time, new trades are being introduced as per the demand of the market. Same procedure is followed for Apprenticeship Training Programmes. The Advanced Training Institutes under Ministry of Labour is running courses for upgradation of the skill level of the workers already employed.

The report of the Task Force under the Chairmanship of Dr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia has been received. The sports suggested generation of employment through intervention in 5 major areas as follows:

* Accelerating the rate of growth of GDP, with a particular emphasis on sectors likely to ensure the spread of income to the low income segments of the labour force.

* Pursuing appropriate sectoral policies in individual sectors which are particularly important for employment generation. These sector level policies must be broadly consistent with the overall objective of accelerating GDP growth.

* Implementing focused special programmes for creating additional employment of enhancing income generation from existing activities aimed at helping vulnerable groups that may not be sufficiently benefited by the move general growth promoting policies.

* Pursuing suitable policies for education and skill development, which would upgrade the quality of the labour force and make it capable of supporting a growth process which geneates high quality jobs.

The above report is being analysed and further action will be taken as per the decision of die Government on it.

Market expansion of e-commerce

*450. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state: